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Memorandum

TO : Assistant Regional Commissioner-Intelligence
Dallas, Texas

DATE: December 17, 1963

FROM : Chief, Intelligence Division
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SUBJECT: Lee Harvey Oswald
Jack Ruby
Dallas, Texas

On Friday, November 22, 1963, approximately 12:20 p.m., I viewed the Presidential Motorcade at Harwood and Pacific Avenue, Dallas. Thereafter I went to a cafe for lunch. A short time later I learned that the President had been shot. I immediately returned to my office and listened to news reports over our radio system.

I called the U. S. Secret Service, the office of the U. S. Attorney, and the FBI - offering the services of the Intelligence Division. A short time later I received instructions from the office of the Assistant Regional Commissioner-Intelligence, to cooperate with the U. S. Secret Service, U. S. Attorney's Office, and the FBI.

I then asked my supervisors to keep their personnel on a stand-by basis.

About 3 p.m., Bob Steuart of U. S. Secret Service asked me to pull the 1962 income tax return of Lee Harvey Oswald. This was done almost immediately. I was unable to reach Mr. Steuart by telephone and called Postal Inspector H. D. Holmes and told him that Oswald's 1962 income tax return showed original address as 602 Elsbeth, Apartment 2, Dallas, but that address had been marked out and Post Office Box 2915 inserted. Mr. Holmes stated that was the first that he had heard of that box number in connection with Oswald.

The tax return indicated a refund of $57.40 had been paid.

We caused a check to be made of the Director's records here, and then telephoned the Regional Disbursing Officer in San Francisco and obtained the number of the refund check. This information was telephoned to Mr. A. R. Manzi, Assistant Director, Intelligence Division, at his residence. Later Mr. Manzi telephoned Special Agent James M. DePrato that the check was in storage in Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania, and that a U. S. Secret Service Agent out of Pittsburgh would proceed to Mechanicsburg and obtain the check. Later that night we learned that the check had been cashed at a liquor store.

Early Saturday morning, November 23, I went to the U. S. Secret Service Office and showed Bob Steuart the tax return of Lee Harvey Oswald which showed employment at Jaggars-Chiles-Stovall, 522 Browder, Dallas, and Leslie Welding Company, Fort Worth, and told him that I would have Special Agents DePrato and Robert W. Klein check these places and get the Oswald employment records.

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At 9 a.m. Special Agents DePrato and Klein went to the office of Jaggars-Chiles-Stovall and picked up Oswald's pay checks, employment application, and employment data. At least two of these pay checks were cleared through the Mercantile National Bank, Dallas. Special Agent DePrato telephoned Bob Howlin, Assistant Vice President of the Mercantile National Bank, and made appointment to meet Mr. Howlin at one o'clock at the Mercantile Bank. Then the Special Agents proceeded to the U. S. Secret Service office with the Jaggars-Chiles-Stovall Oswald employment data. The Special Agents returned to the Corrigan Tower shortly after 11 a.m. Special Agent DePrato made photostatic copies of these records which I delivered to U. S. Secret Service Agent W. H. Patterson. Special Agent Klein called H. C. Conway, the Fort Worth Division Manager of Leslie Welding Company, and arranged to pick up the employment records of Oswald. Mr. Conway told Special Agent Klein that the original payroll checks were in the custody of Chester H. Leslie, Telephone TE 2-7726, in Chicago.

Special Agent Klein relayed this information to me at the U. S. Secret Service Office here. I immediately called this information to the Special Agent in Charge, U. S. Secret Service in Chicago; then realizing that Special Agents James H. Parker and Marshall J. Smith were in Chicago, I caused Special Agent DePrato to relay the information to them requesting that they check with the Administrative Assistant to the Assistant Regional Commissioner-Intelligence, and with the Special Agent in Charge, U. S. Secret Service, both in Chicago, and to immediately telephone Chester H. Leslie and arrange to inspect the payroll records relating to Oswald as expeditiously as possible.

In the meantime, Special Agent DePrato went to the Mercantile National Bank and kept his appointment with Mr. Howlin. They were unable to find any bank accounts in the name of Oswald, and Mr. Howlin said that the bank's stamps on the payroll checks indicated that they were cashed and not deposited. Later in the afternoon, Special Agent Parker telephoned me that most of the checks issued to Lee Harvey Oswald by the Leslie Welding Company had been cashed at Montgomery Wards, but that two of them had been cleared through the Mercantile National Bank, Dallas, and one was co-endorsed by R. L. Oswald, 7313 Davenport, Fort Worth, and cleared through West Side State Bank, Fort Worth. I immediately gave this information to Mr. Steuart.

On November 25, I received a memorandum from Special Agents Parker and Smith, photostat attached. On November 26 I sent Mr. Forrest V. Sorrells, Special Agent in Charge, U. S. Secret Service, a copy of the memorandum of Special Agents Parker and Smith and photostats of all the documents mentioned therein, as well as Oswald's employment records which Special Agents DePrato and Klein had picked up from Leslie Welding Company, Fort Worth.

About 2:30 p.m., November 23, at the request of U. S. Secret Service, I caused Special Agents DePrato and Klein to check with Director's files and

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try to locate tax returns filed in the name of Aleck James Hidell. They had no luck, but about 6 p.m. called Chief, Intelligence in New Orleans and asked him to make a similar search.

November 24, about 1:15 p.m., at the request of U. S. Secret Service and U. S. Attorney Barefoot Sanders, I met Special Agents DePrato and Klein at the District Director's office and we searched for returns of Jack Ruby and Bernard R. Paine. We found some of Ruby's returns and his Offer in Compromise but found no record of any return having been filed by Paine.

Jack Ruby's 1960 return filed on May 22 showed his residence address to have been 4727 Homer, Dallas. About 5.30 p.m., as a result of a telephone call to me, Special Agent Klein went back to the office of Jaggars-Chiles-Stovall and picked up Oswald's Application for Employment with Padgett Printing Corporation, Dallas, filed on October 4, 1963. A photostat of this application is attached. Among other things, it shows that Oswald gave as a reference George Bouhe, 4740 Homer Street, Dallas. A copy of this application was furnished U. S. Secret Service, and I called their attention to the Homer Street address on Ruby's 1960 tax return. I also furnished them with the addresses shown on the various Ruby tax returns and that the latest address shown in Ruby's Offer in Compromise file was 223 South Ewing Street, Dallas. This was a current handwritten correction.

The Application for Employment with the Padgett Printing Corporation executed by Lee Harvey Oswald on October 4, 1963, referred to above, also listed as references Anna Meller and George DeMohrenschildt along with George Bouhe. According to the FBI, DeMohrenschildt and Bouhe are known to be Russians. I pulled the tax returns of these references and furnished U. S. Secret Service with general information they contained. The 1962 return of DeMohrenschildt bore the notation, "Most of the year was spent in writing a geographical travalogue on our trip to Central America . . ." This information was furnished U. S. Secret Service and the FBI.

On November 26, Special Agents Klein and Gale B. Love at my request called on Mr. Abe Kleinman, Public Accountant, and obtained from him a box of miscellaneous records relating to Jack Ruby, the Vegas Club, and the Carousel Club. Attached is a copy of the Memorandum of Interview prepared by these agents. Special Agent Klein inspected these records and found a number of possible leads but nothing definite. We gave this information to the Secret Service and on Wednesday, November 22, under my instructions, Special Agent Klein turned this box of records over to FBI Agent Roberts. I had already given the FBI copies of Oswald's employment record and salary checks relating to his employment with Jaggars-Chiles-Stovall and Leslie Welding Company and a copy of the Application for Employment Oswald had filed with Padgett Printing Company on October 4, 1963.

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The FBI has returned these records and we proposed to return them to Mr. Kleinman within the next two or three days.

Of course, we have furnished the Director, Intelligence Division, copies of a number of returns that were requested through your office.

Jack Ruby is delinquent on the payment of his tax liability with the Director's office here, and tax liens totaling approximately $40,000 have been filed. In connection with Ruby's arrest the Police Department here seised approximately $ 3,100 from Ruby. On December 9 a Revenue Officer, accompanied by Special Agent Klein, served notice of levy on the city police and they turned over to him the Ruby money. It consisted of:

Taken from the person of Jack Ruby	$2,117.33
Taken from Ruby's car	131.41
Taken from Ruby's apartment	124.87
" " " "	795.50
Total	$3,169.11

This money was temporarily turned over to Special Agent Klein but is stored in the cashier's vault for safety. Immediately after the seizure I notified the Secret Service and the FBI.

U. S. Secret Service sent over two agents to check the serial numbers, Federal Reserve District, etc. The FBI stated that they had already obtained the serial numbers and had sent them to Washington for check against known Communistic monies and requested that we hold the Ruby money for several days until they could get a report back on their Communistic check.

I told them that we would hold the funds for several days, and if I found that the District Director had to deposit these funds I would let them know before such deposit was made.

About the first of December a U. S. Secret Service Agent telephoned me and asked if I could arrange for an interpreter to translate from Spanish to English. When I answered in the affirmative, he stated that he would be right over. I asked Internal Revenue Agent Arturo Trevino and my secretary, Mrs. Virginia V. Thompson, to come into my office. I explained to them that the matter involved was top secret and must not be discussed with anyone other than the four of us. Mr. Trevino dictated the translation of two letters to Mrs. Thompson. All copies of the transcription, the stenographic notes, and carbons used to make the carbon copies were all delivered to the Secret Service Agent. Mr. Trevino is one of the Internal Revenue Agents assigned on the A. Gamdera and Co., Inc., SI-55-DAL-156-FI.

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I have furnished to the U. S. Secret Service and the FBI all information originally found by the Intelligence Division, but I have not furnished the FBI with information obtained from U. S. Secret Service, nor have I furnished the U. S. Secret Service with information I have obtained from the FBI.

It is recommended that this report be forwarded to the Director, Intelligence, Washington, D. C.

James M. Cooner

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